



GRAND RAPIDS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 25, 2025
4:00 PM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a regular meeting of the Grand Rapids Economic Development Authority will be held in the City Council Chambers in the Grand Rapids City Hall, 420 North Pokegama Avenue, in Grand Rapids, Minnesota on Thursday, September 25, 2025 at 4:00 PM.

CALL TO ORDER

CALL OF ROLL

PRESENT

Commissioner Al Hodnik
President Sholom Blake
Commissioner Wayne Bruns
Commissioner Bill Martinetto
Council Representative Rick Blake

ABSENT

Council Representative Dan Mertes
Commissioner Jean MacDonell

SETTING OF THE REGULAR AGENDA - *This is an opportunity to approve the regular agenda as presented, or to add/delete an agenda item by a majority vote of the Commissioners present .*

Approved with addition:

Consider approval of a Central School lease with First City Wealth Management for Suite 212A.

APPROVE MINUTES

1. Consider approval of minutes from the September 11, 2025 regular meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Bruns, second by Commissioner Martinetto to approve the minutes from the September 11, 2025 regular meeting. The following voted in favor thereof: Hodnik, Bruns, S. Blake, Martinetto, R. Blake. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE CLAIMS

2. Consider approval of claims in the amount of \$111,072.80

Motion by Commissioner Hodnik, second by Commissioner Martinetto to approve claims in the amount of \$111,072.80. The following voted in favor thereof: R. Blake, Martinetto, S. Blake, Bruns, Hodnik. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS

Consider approval of a Central School lease with First City Wealth Management for Suite 212A.

Motion by Commissioner R.Blake, second by Commissioner Hodnik to approve a Central School lease with First City Wealth Management for Suite 212A. The following voted in favor thereof: Hodnik, Bruns, S. Blake, Martinetto, R. Blake. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

UPDATES

Hwy 35-They have received approval from the Office of Cannabis Management to move forward with start up and they have multiple parties interested in their expansion. They are also working with the PUC on industrial rates.

Primacy Strategy Group- The consultant is trying to make contact with the US Census Bureau to find out why the change was made.

Legion Park Master Plan- The kick off meeting was held on September 24, and public engagement will begin in October.

Downtown Alliance- They conducted their first meeting and approved the articles of incorporation and bylaws. The Executive Director position will also be posted in the next month.

GREDA- The City Council appointed Jean MacDonell to fill the vacant position, her first meeting will be in November.

ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

MEMBERS & TERMS

Dan Mertes - 12/31/2025 Council Representative

Rick Blake - 12/31/2025 Council Representative

Wayne Bruns - 3/1/31

Sholom Blake - 3/1/31

Al Hodnik - 3/1/27

Bill Martinetto - 3/1/29